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August 31, 1970

Professor Otto Schneid
48 Laurelcrest Avenue
Downsview, Ontario, Canada

Dear Professor Schneid:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 26. I regret that an extensive search of our files does not indicate receipt of your two prior letters, and I look forward to receiving your book, "The Man-Made Hell, a Search for Rescue."

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fulbright

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October 13, 1970

Professor Otto Schneid
48 Laurelcrest Avenue
Downsview, Ontario, Canada

Dear Professor Schneid:

I wish to acknowledge your telegram of October 5 and I regret that I have not as yet received a copy of your book.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fulbright

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October 19, 1970

Prof. Otto Schneid
48 Laurelcrest Avenue
Downsview, Ontario
Canada

Dear Professor Schneid:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your book, THE MAN-MADE HELL. It was thoughtful of you to make it available to me, and I look forward to reading it at the first opportunity.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fulbright

JWF:wt

Dec.3,1967

Senator James William Fulbright,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

Allow me to introduce myself by defining my activities: I am a poet, dramatist, storyteller, artist, prehistorian, historian and maybe a philosopher; a few monographic publications and some reference books describe me rather one-sidedly as a painter and sculptor. My ideal is not unsimilar to yours. It is Life and its peace, security and happiness. But while you as a politician had to limit your thinking to attainability and to concentrate on the problems of your great and most powerful country in order to save all life, my span is not only international, but includes the rights of our non-human fellow beings.

The motive of this letter is my newest book of which I would have told you later, when mailing it to you, but the circumstances force me to inform you of it before its publication and even before I found a publisher. (AN ANALYSIS OF OUR TIME, a Search for Rescue.) For my lonely efforts offer an explanation of reality and a plan; history, however, does not stop, moreover, "we" are now increasing the speed of our travel into the abyss, so that all endeavors of good will could be late and ineffective. Thus as long as we are in a position to write and read, let me approach one of the most important readers, you. Allow me to enclose the foreword and the table of contents. The subchapter "Little Essay on America" starts with four motti quoted from your "Arrogance of Power". There "Old Myths and New Realities" and the book of Tristram Coffin are also mentioned.

I would like to say more, but I feel I have to discontinue and to apologize for this unsolicited utterance. Yet at the eve of Christmas, when the spirit of Love attempts again to raise its sore wings, I dare to join the still hopeful mankind and to wish you and all selfless pioneers of a better tomorrow the realization of our vision.

I greet you, Senator Fulbright,

most respectfully yours

Prof. Dr. Otto Schneid,
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Otto Schneid

Oct.9,1968

Senator James William Fulbright,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

In my letter of December 3,1967, I had the honor of telling you about my newest, still unpublished book "[illegible] OF OUR TIME, a Search for Rescue" and about my way of referring there to your books. Though I understood well that you have hardly time enough for your own books and that you cannot easily pay attention to my work, I believe that its goal, i.e. survival, desrves even some sacrifice of your uniquely precious time.

The Foreword and the Table of Contents enclosed then could clearly show you the motives of my work and its character. So I dare approaching you with the request for writing a FOREWORD for this book.

If you will grant me this great favor, its first momentous effect will certainly be opening to this book the doors of one of the best publishers.

Of the eight chapters of my German written manuscript, I have translated six into English. Of this ready English text I could send you as much as you allow.

I would very gladly submit you also reference material about myself and my previous works.

Most sincerely yours

Otto Schneid

August 26,1970

Senator James William Fulbright,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright,

I wrote you twice, asking for your permission to send you my book "The Man-Made Hell, a Search for Rescue". I received no answer. Considering the greatness of your task and role, any office reply would have been adequate, not to the matter, but to the value of your time. In any other context, I would certainly have kept silence after the first attempt. This book, however, in which I demand grave sacrifices, places myself under an unescapable obligation. It is not the fact that I quote you so emphatically, but that of your and my struggle for Survival for whose sake I feel entitled to send you this book even without your explicit invitation.

If you can, forgive me please this persistence which is one of the sacrifices I have to make.

If you will read it, as really, depth-reachingly as it must correspond to the cognitional structure of your mind, two outcomes can be expected:

1. The context of global analysis and synthesis may bring additional clarification to your own thought and action which may result in unforeseeable consequences.
2. In some way which is no less unforeknowable, the possible realization of my conclusions, viz. the actualization of the theoretical rescue work, may be furthered decisively.

With faithful regards

Otto Schneid

Jan.8,1971

Senator James William Fulbright,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright,

With an odd feeling of satisfaction, I find in some of your pronouncements congruency with results of "The Man-Made Hell, a Search for Rescue". For two reasons, I never thought that you adopted my results: a)In this case, you would have quoted me. b)Before you had my book, your thinking processes were similar or analogous to my own, which explains the further correspondence.

Nevertheless, if you should not yet have read this book (which meantimes was followed by two others), I believe that you ought to do that. In my humble opinion, every thinker should consider the acceptability of thoughts of others, particularly a political philosopher distinguished by unique responsibility.

The differences too may justify sacrificing the time required for reading. I admit to be deeply impressed by your new declaration that some countries can solve their problems by revolution only. Should you, however, overlook an unprecedented, but realistically motivated concept that offers revolutionary, i.e. thoroughgoing and comprehensive,solutions without mass despair and bloodshed (cf. p.365 f. and passim)?

Whereas you obviously mean the most unhappy peoples, my concept of the non-sanctity of the status quo applies to all mankind, provided that the described and motivated international right of revisions will be established. The realization of the idea of this right seems to me to be the greatest and most urgent task of human reason, its only alternative being our total destruction.

I greet you most respectfully

Otto Schneid

Prof. Dr. Otto Schneid, 48 Laurelcrest Ave., Downsview, Ont., Canada

To Group Leaders, Creative Writers, Critics, and my Personal Friends:

As many of you remember, the publishers of my previous books as well as myself used to make gifts of a good deal of copies.

Under the circumstances of the latest publication, however, this is impossible, to the regret of its unselfish publisher and to my own.

The main reason are sacrifices that had to be made, not quite unsimilar to those I demand in this book, as, e.g., three years of exclusive working on this book and the inevitable consequences thereof.

Thus I have to ask you to subscribe (Source Books, Toronto, Box 132, Postal Station S, Toronto 20, Ont., Canada). Moreover, I hope some of you will, in addition, do their best for the tremendously great cause of this book which is certainly more than any personal affair.

With regards

Otto Schneid